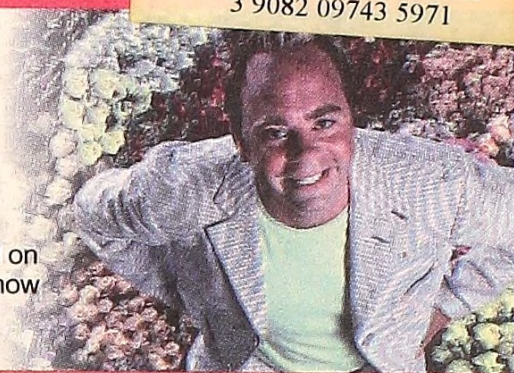


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Will interview for top school position

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Interviews to determine who would be the best candidate to become superintendent of Romulus Community Schools began this week during a series of special meetings.

School board members have interviewed six of nine finalists for the \$150,000 a year job. The remaining three will be interviewed tonight at the school headquarters building on Grant Road.

Dick Kruse, a spokesman for the district, said these interviews are the first of several, and that the field of hopefuls will be narrowed as the process progresses.

"This first interview was a chance for them to speak about what they can offer the district," he said. "There will be other interviews where they will answer specific questions from the board and the audience. The public is invited to attend all of these interviews – we want the process to be open."

The district, which hired the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to narrow the search, received 24 resumes from interested applicants. Association representatives narrowed the applications with school board members before public interviews began, Kruse said.

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Dick Kruse

The candidates are all from Michigan. They are: Nancy A. Nagle, the director of curriculum and assessment for Southgate Community Schools; Carl Weiss, the deputy superintendent of Dearborn Heights District 7; Sheryl Thomas, the executive director of leadership and accountability for Detroit Public Schools; Donald Weatherspoon, the special assistant to the director of the Michigan Department of Corrections; Michael Teasdale, the executive director of human resources of Huron Valley Schools; Deborah Clarke, the superintendent of Buena Vista Schools; William Harrison, the superintendent of Madison District Public Schools; Sharron Jenkins Norman, the director of curriculum, assessment and professional development for Lansing Community Schools and Jerri Lynn Williams, the superintendent of Westwood Heights Community Schools.

Harrison, Norman and Williams will be interviewed tonight beginning at 6.

Finding a new superintendent will play out until the end of this school year, when Joel Carr – the man who has led the district for the past six years – will retire. Kruse said the board is pleased with the caliber of the applicants.

"We have a fully-diverse group of applicants, and one non-traditional candidate as well," he said.

Board Trustee Cheryle Buckley said the candidate that wins the job will have to be able to guide the school academically during hard fiscal times.

"We have a lot of challenges before us, and all of the board members on the same page about the kind of person we want," she said. "We'd prefer someone with prior superintendent experience. But it's most important to find someone with the kinds of experience in budgets that we need."

Last year, the district had to stave off a \$1 million budget shortfall by offering teachers and administrators a buyout deal. Several top administrators and teachers are retiring either this year or next year.

The district is hoping a new superintendent will be in place by June at the latest, Kruse said.

City loses 2 top employees

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Two administrators in Romulus vacated their posts for reasons that are still unclear to many city employees and elected officials.

Carl Brooks, the director of public works, and Herb Buckley, the director of Romulus Parks and Recreation, left their posts suddenly last week. Brooks retired, and Buckley either resigned or was released by the city.

Betsey Krampitz, the chief of staff for Mayor Alan Lambert, confirmed that Brooks and Buckley were no longer employed but would not elaborate about the departures when contacted Tuesday.

"Because it is a personnel matter, I can't offer specifics, but I can tell you that Mr. Brooks chose to retire," she said.

Krampitz said she could not comment about Buckley.

Brooks worked for the city for 28 years, and Buckley worked for the city for seven.

Buckley's resignation comes at



The Bard lives on

Fifth and sixth grade students at Wick Elementary School learned a little more about the challenges of acting and the enduring spirit of the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare, in a production of MacBeth, one of the Bard's most noted plays. Here, the evil witches, as portrayed by (left to right) Chelsea Shellman, Jillian Camilleri, Maya Davis, Christina Flint, Briana Bothwell and Louise Hood, gathered to plot after the play concluded.

Barden pleads guilty, asks to move on

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus City Councilman John Barden pleaded guilty to misdemeanor operating a vehicle while impaired last week at the 30th District Court in Highland Park.

Barden, 57, entered the plea in

the courtroom of Judge Bridget Officer March 15. He will be formally sentenced next month.

Now that the plea has been finalized, Barden – who has never been arrested prior to this incident – could be fined up to \$500, placed on probation, or required to complete community service.

An executive assistant to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Barden was elected to council last year for a four-year term. Barden was arrested by Wayne County Sheriff's deputies on northbound Hamilton near Grove Street in Highland Park.

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Repeal of Single Business Tax proposed

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

The Michigan House Tax Policy Committee voted along party lines, 10-8, to start the process to repeal the 30-year-old Single Business Tax last week.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) introduced the initiative in an attempt to eliminate the tax and help spur economic growth across the state, he said. The repeal would cut almost \$2 billion from the state budget.

The measure now goes to the Republican-controlled House and Senate, where some form of the legislation is expected to gain approval by both chambers. State officials have said they want legislators to repeal the tax in the fall of next year, which would give lawmakers time to find an alternative.

If Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoes the idea, a petition would put the proposal back before lawmakers, who would have 40 days to approve, reject or change it. But because it would be a citizens' initiative, approval by the

Legislature this time would not require the governor's signature. The tax is set to expire in 2009.

Stewart said the initiative will help make the Michigan be economy more competitive.

"People are being taxed out of their jobs today," he said. "Michigan's economy will continue to lag behind the rest of the country unless we take action and eliminate the worst business tax in the country."

"For years, and years and years, people have said business is the backbone of this country. Michigan is taxing small businesses out of existence. I think (the tax) should be repealed and not replaced with anything."

State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) said the legislation wasn't a good idea at this time.

"It's irresponsible to eliminate the business tax without replacing it with something else," he said. "To just throw it out the window and cut about \$2 billion from the state budget—that's going to trickle down in the form of other cuts. It's going to create a bigger problem."

Millage renewal will not affect rates of homeowners

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Administrators in the Van Buren Public School District want to make certain that residents know there will be no tax increase to homeowners if the non-homestead school millage on the May 2 ballot is renewed.

The millage, which would be renewed for another five years from 2007-2011, will allow the school district to continue to levy up to the millage rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residences and qualified agricultural property. It's required for the school district to continue to

receive the revenue per pupil foundation grant, according to school officials.

"It will affect apartment buildings, rental homes, vacation properties, some vacant land and commercial and industrial property," said Nick Armelagos, district director of business.

Members of the Van Buren Public School Board of Education added the issue to the May 2 ballot recently when they determined it is in the best interests of education to restore the five years of mills to be levied to the millage originally approved by the voters in October of 2001.

"The revenue generated from

the millage is \$2,120 per pupil," said Armelagos. "If voters were not to renew the millage, the district's foundation allowance would drop from \$7,383 per pupil to \$5,263 per pupil. It will ensure that full per student operational dollars that the state authorizes under Proposal A."

If the millage is not approved, the district will lose about \$12.5 million in operating funds on a \$52 million budget, which is 24 percent of the total revenue for the schools, Armelagos said.

"There will have to be significant program reductions in order to balance the budget if it's not passed," he said.

Businesswomen choose 'Young Careerist'

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Group honored Shelly Brown-Elden as the 2005-2006 Young Careerist during the annual club meeting recently.

Brown-Elden, who was born in Muskegon, is the daughter of David C. and Martha A. Brown. She has one sister, Amy Jo (Kevin) Hinks, also of Belleville.

Brown-Elden moved to Belleville when she was 8 and grew up in the apartment above her father's business: Brown

Funeral Home. She remembered overcoming her fear of the "clients" at the funeral home and helping out by dusting and vacuuming on evenings and weekends.

She is a graduate of Belleville High School Class of 1993 and Adrian College Class of 1997 where she obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration. She worked for Enterprise Rent-A-Car as a management trainee, then managed a branch after only a year and a half with

the company. Brown-Elden was the manager most quickly promoted from of the Michigan/Ohio group.

Brown-Elden started to work for her father at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville shortly after that. At the same time, she obtained a bachelor's degree of mortuary science from Wayne State University, finishing in 2001. Brown-Elden then became a licensed funeral director in the State of Michigan.

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State senator introduces funeral protest bill

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Funeral services should be off limits for protests, according to a Senate bill introduced last week.

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) is seeking to limit the parameters under which protest demonstrations can take place at military funerals throughout the state. The bill would prohibit public demonstrations within 500 feet one hour before, during, and one hour after a military funeral service, memorial service, wake, or procession.

Violating the proposed law would be punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine. Subsequent offenses would be punishable by 180 days in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine.

The catalyst for the legislation is the recent protest started by the Rev. Fred Phelps of the

Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan. His congregation has made headlines recently for organizing protests outside of funerals of military personnel killed in the Middle East. Phelps claims the death of U.S. soldiers is God's wrath on America.

Basham calls the protests "unfortunate," and said legislation is needed to protect grieving families.

"I can not imagine anything more painful for a parent than burying a son or daughter who has just sacrificed their young life in service to our nation," said Basham. "We owe it to these families to allow them to say goodbye in peace and dignity."

The Westboro congregation has traveled to several states to protest, and most recently disrupted a funeral in a small town in Flint. The protests have led to confrontations between congre-

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Ray Basham

gants and grieving family members, Basham said. Phelps' group has also organized protests at PrideFest, an annual gay pride event that takes place in Oakland County.

Legally, there is little that can be done to stop the protests – unless an individual or group incites violence – because the ability to protest and speak freely is guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Kari Moss, the executive

director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, said that she has seen the legislation and believes it will subvert any First Amendment challenges.

"The bottom line is that local governments have the right to enact laws that set parameters," she said. "It is narrowly written to apply only to military funerals, and if it's broadened at all, it will run into the First Amendment."

Basham said the legislation was carefully devised not to ban speech itself.

"While I respect the right of Rev. Phelps and others to protest, I also think our nation has a moral responsibility to provide these grieving families with some degree of peace of mind, he said. "I feel my legislation does a good job of balancing a citizen's constitutional right to protest with the grieving family's right to privacy."

Liz Boyd, the spokeswoman



Sen. Ray Basham

for Gov. Jennifer Granholm, said the legislation is welcome.

"We never say we're going to sign a bill into law until we see what happens in the legislature," she said. "But I can say one thing – the governor is appalled by what the protesters are doing to the families of our fallen soldiers."enate Bill number is 1171.

City issues \$7 million in bonds

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Aging infrastructure and a major water loss were the motivation for the approval of a \$7 million bond issue by members of the Romulus City Council.

The bond issue will pay for work that is already under way on Hunt Street, one of the oldest residential thoroughfares in the city.

"It was probably best at this rate to just replace most of that infrastructure and get it over with," said Councilman Harry Crout. "We were replacing a pipe here and there, and it was getting expensive. Everything was all rotted out over there."

City officials were not immediately able to say how many

water main breaks have occurred on Hunt Street, but earmarked the site as a priority several months ago. However, the city did not have the money to finance the repairs in the water and sewer fund, and elected to go the bond route, said Councilman William Crova.

"We look at this as a capital improvement, and it's something that needs to be taken care of," he said. "This was just another way to take care of this problem."

The bonds will be paid back during a period of several years.

It is unclear whether the city intended to issue bonds for the work when it began several months ago. The city will incur costs associated with having to issue bonds to ensure the work

gets finished.

Economic Development Director Tim Keyes – who is overseeing the repairs in the absence of Public Works Director Carl Brooks, who retired Friday – did not return messages seeking comment on the status of the repairs Tuesday. Mayor Alan Lambert was on vacation and was unreachable.

Local road repairs and infrastructure improvements have become the bane of older municipalities like Romulus. Many, including Garden City, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Ypsilanti have sold bonds or asked for millage increases to cover the mammoth costs of repairing water mains, repaving and other improvements.

Officials - Replacement plan to come in the near future

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an awkward time for the city. A new recreation center is under construction at Wayne and Northline roads, and a new senior center – which was under Buckley's control but is managed by Linda Norman, the director of senior services, is open and operating. Lambert has said he would like to see both senior and recreation programs retooled now that the facilities situation is improving.

Krampitz said it's unclear whether both positions would be filled internally or with outside candidates, and that the positions

have not yet been advertised or posted.

"We're doing an analysis of both departments right now to see if any deficiencies, and what the needs are," she said. "We're not close to determining what would be the best thing right now."

A succession plan for the immediate operation of both departments is also under way, Krampitz said.

Councilman Harry Crout said he did not find out until Monday night that Brooks and Buckley were gone, and that the circumstances remain a mystery.

"I guess this all happened on

Friday, and Alan (Lambert) is on vacation, so I can't ask him what happened," he said. "I heard Herb (Buckley) was let go, and I was surprised. As far as I know, both did their jobs. And nothing has been said about this."

He said Brooks was a dedicated public works employee. "All that I know is that when it snowed, our streets were plowed, and things got done," he said.

Lambert – who is responsible for all of the personnel activities for the city – was unavailable for comment Tuesday. Attempts to reach both Brooks and Buckley were unsuccessful.

Councilman

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Deputies found Barden slumped over the wheel of his white 2005 Cadillac STS with the engine running.

According to police reports, Barden was discovered inside his vehicle with an open bottle of wine on the front passenger's car seat. A preliminary breath test

showed his blood-alcohol level to be 0.091 percent. A subsequent test showed 0.22 percent – well over the level in which a person can be convicted of misdemeanor drunken driving.

Barden said Tuesday that he did not mean to put any drivers into harm's way, and was upset over the recent death of his brother, Milton, when he was arrested.

"I never meant to hurt anyone, that's not what I'm about," he

said. "That's why I pulled over. I had a little too much to drink, and I was really grieving over my brother's death."

Police reports also indicated that Barden asked deputies for a professional courtesy at the scene of the incident. But Barden said that was misinterpreted by the officers, and that he never meant to imply he should receive special treatment.

"I was just telling them who I was, and I just wanted us to work

together," he said. "I never meant for it to come out like that."

Barden is a member of the Department of Senior Citizens Services and Veterans Affairs. He is also a familiar face at Cory Elementary School, where he often volunteers.

Though the arrest – coupled with his brother's death – has been stressful for Barden, he said his colleagues at the county and city have been supportive throughout his predicament.

"Everyone has been so great," he said.

He said he hopes residents can move on, too.

"I just hope that people don't judge me based on something that happened while I was grieving," he said. "At the same time, I hope it doesn't happen to anyone else. I'm ready to move on. There's so many good things that are happening in Wayne County and Romulus, and I want to be a part of it."

News in brief

Benefit helps stricken teacher

A silent auction and comedy show will take place to help a Romulus High School teacher who is struggling with a rare form of cancer.

Ed Horn, who was a history teacher and multi-media specialist at the school, has been sidelined by anaplastic large T cell lymphoma for several months. His colleagues at the school are organizing the event to help defray some his medical costs.

Comedian Mark Knope, who has been featured on Comedy Central, will take the stage at 7 p.m. on April 4 at Romulus High School. Before the show, a silent auction will take place at 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Tickets for the event cost \$25 per person. The event is designed for people 18 years or older.

For more information, call Molly McGlynn at (734) 532-1754.

Library hops on Easter crafts

The Romulus Public Library Easter craft sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. on April 11.

Craft projects and egg decorating for pre-school children, kindergarteners and elementary school-age children will take place at the library. The event is meant to give youngsters some fun projects to complete before Easter on April 16.

The library is not charging a fee for the session, but is requiring parents to pre-register their child. The number of seats is limited, and registrations will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Books sought for library sale

The Romulus Public Library is asking residents to donate their excess books to the Friends organization for the annual book sale.

The sale is a fundraiser that helps the library maintain equipment and purchase items that it normally might not be able to afford. The money generated will also help the library fund the summer reading program.

Hardcover and soft cover books, as well as books on tape, will be accepted. The library is looking for both adult and children's books.

The book sale will take place in April but has not been scheduled yet.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

OPINION

Plan now - eliminate later

Members of the state legislature have proposed an early elimination of the Single Business Tax (SBT) in order to help spur the economy.

The burdensome tax stifles the business climate, they said, and has hindered the economic recovery seen in almost every other state in the nation other than Michigan. Proposed legislation would eliminate the tax by the end of 2007, rather than 2009.

We agree that this is an ungainly tax, and should be eliminated. We're subject to it, too, and it has hindered more than it has helped.

As much as we'd like to see it go, we don't think this is the way to do it, though. The elimination of the tax would create a \$2 billion hole in the state budget and give the legislature only about 700 days to come up with a replacement for those funds.

We don't have that much confidence in the legislature, sadly. This is the same group of people that decries the current term limits because the six years representatives serve in Lansing isn't enough to get anything done. Now they're going to be able to solve this tricky situation is about two years? This will also be at a time when, thanks to term limits, there will be many new legislators in office.

It's nice to see that legislators are looking ahead and trying to come up with different ways to spur the economy. This will make a large enough hole, though, and create so many questions, that we'd like to see a plan to replace those funds before we're comfortable with eliminating this undoubtedly burdensome tax.

It makes sense to plan for it now and eliminate it later.

Exhibit some compromise

As part of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the City of Westland, members of the Friends of the Westland Historical Museum had planned a 1960s exhibit at the Westland Historical Museum.

The event was designed to celebrate the psychedelic decade with pop culture items from that time period that would be displayed from May to September at the museum on Wayne Road.

It was a good idea. Too bad it won't happen.

The group ran into an unusual roadblock as they planned their exhibit: the Westland Historical Commission, whose purpose it is to oversee the buildings at the growing historic park and ensure they are not adversely impacted by anything that goes on there. Some of the details of preparing for the exhibit – where the on-site items would be stored in the meantime, how to return the rooms to their historic nature afterward – were matters of concern to them.

Members of the friends said they thought they had covered all the bases. They had proposed painting the exhibit rooms and putting up wallpaper that would also be reminiscent of the 1960s with the provision that they would replace it with historic-era paint and wallpaper when they were done.

Commissioners were concerned about that, though, as well as the safety of items moved out of the museum during the course of the exhibit. In the end, the problems proved too difficult to overcome, and the exhibit was cancelled. Items will be returned to those who donated or loaned them to the effort.

It's too bad, too, because the City of Westland will ultimately lose through this lack of cooperation. This was a good chance to showcase the park, gather more interest and provide a fun family outing at the same time. The historic park has the potential to be quite a unique feature in the City of Westland, one of the proverbial jewels in the municipal crowns that officials always like to talk about. Think about it: where else can you find such a facility?

It might be a bit spare, now, but there are plans in the works to fully

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Sadly, it's all part of the job

You run into a lot of awkward moments as an editor of a small town newspaper.

The nature of the job dictates that you meet a lot of people and the law of averages ensures you'll be on hand if they are ever accused of misconduct.

So it was Tuesday morning when I shared a hallway at the 29th District Court in Wayne with Chris Sanders, a regular attendee of the Wayne City Council meetings. I know him relatively well and have talked with him often. He and I exchange heckled whispers at the city council proceedings.

"I'm here for a felony charge," he said after we greeted each other and shook hands.

"I know," I said.

"This isn't going into the paper, is it?" He wanted to know.

I gave him a sad nod. "It kind of has to," I answered.

"Why?"

Well, that's the question, isn't it?

There are obvious answers: It's my job; it's a serious thing and all that, but I try to put more thought into it.

Going to court is a traumatic thing for anybody. I've talked with police officers, judges, all kinds of politicians and yet the few occasions when I've had to stand in front of a judge on something as minor as a traffic ticket have turned my knees to jelly and my tongue to oatmeal. It's an experience I don't want to exacerbate for anybody.

But let's face it. People in the public eye are under more scrutiny than the rest of us. I don't write a story about every police report I read on a

drunken driver, but if the mayor or some other elected official of a municipality in our coverage area were cited, would that offense become newsworthy?

It might depend on the situation, but if so, it'd be handled respectfully, not blown out of proportion, sensationalized or splashed prominently on a page with a huge banner headline.

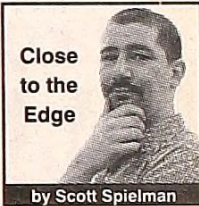
Sanders' case is a little different, both in the charge he faces and in his standing in the community. He once campaigned for election to the city council, often speaks at the meetings and is relatively well-known around town, but is he a public figure?

Probably not.

Then, as a responsible journalist I have to ask myself if this were somebody I didn't know, would I still write the story? That answer, sadly, is yes.

I had this all in my head before he and I shared an elevator awkwardness in the court hallway. I knew it going in but, as always, I couldn't quite articulate it as well as I wanted to. I did the best I could and then offered some advice when he said he didn't want to talk about it.

"It's often better to say something than nothing at all," I told him. I wasn't trying to get a comment from him that would trip him or make my story more salacious. It's my simple belief that silence breeds suspicion. I just think the public is forgiving to people who can admit to mistakes or offer an explanation for them. I hope that's the case this time, too.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

They sure got the name right

Employers of America, hear this...

You are about to lose a looooot of money over the next two weeks.

Not because of the economy. Not because of a decreased customer base, either.

You're about to see a loss in revenue, and productivity, because of the greatest three-week period in sports.

March Madness started last Thursday. Fans and non-fans alike will come to you with every excuse from, "I think I have the flu," to, "I've just been called on by NASA to ride on Apollo 63."

Those are just the people who will skip work to watch South Alabama play Florida.

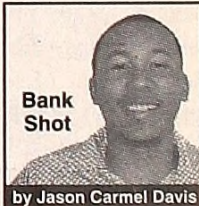
During the madness, hundreds of thousands of people are expected to watch online — many while still on the clock. Companies will lose \$17.5 million a minute paying employees for time spent following the games at their desk, according to an estimate by glob-

al outplacement firm Challenger, Gray and Christmas Inc.

It might not actually be that bad, though, if you have employees who work extremely hard from 8 a.m. to noon. If your workers really try, they could get a day's work done in those four hours.

However, if they must work a full day, I'm sure worker bees all over the country already have ways set up to enjoy the Madness from their cubes. Since my boss has to read this, I probably shouldn't be typing it, but I'll have a different window open so that I can keep track of each game. I'll have the games on my desk radio, too. I wish I had a handheld TV, though.

There is a bright side, though, U.S. bosses. The games could be Monday-Thursday instead of Thursday-Saturday. At least now you know where everybody's going when there's a stampede out the doors at 11:45.



Bank Shot

by Jason Carmel Davis

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Annual auction set to benefit Girlstown

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Supporters of the Girlstown Foundation in Belleville are getting ready to send area residents to Disney World, the pool at Eastern Michigan University or for an airplane ride through the area. All in an effort to generate funds for the agency during the annual auction sponsored by the facility.

The 21st annual event will take place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door.

"It's a long-standing tradition sponsored by the board of directors," said Elaine Carter of Girlstown.

"Although we do receive a premium from the state, it doesn't maintain the quali-

ty of our program," said Avis White, board president of Girlstown Foundation. "We have many things going on, but in order to help the building and programs we have to fundraise. We encourage people to come out and have a good time because they're bound to find a bargain."

The silent and basket auctions will start at 5:30 p.m. Items include numerous donations from area businesses, organizations and clubs including chairs, jewelry, gift certificates and assorted themed baskets. Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. along with a live auction at 8 p.m. Items such as tickets to Disney World, the use of the Eastern Michigan University pool and an airplane ride around the area, will be sold off, as well.

Proceeds will go to programs and services at Girlstown Foundation, specially to

maintain the building, the transitional treatment program and the supervised independent living program, according to White.

"We're the least restrictive anywhere," she said. "The independent living program is literally putting people in an apartment and helping them learn how to do things like banking, job interviews, working and other independent living skills. The staff is committed to the programs and to go that extra mile to make sure the girls needs are matched and they do succeed."

Girlstown is a multi-service organization that provides family, community, mental health and child welfare services for families throughout Michigan. Programs include residential and treatment services and specialized and general foster care services. The agency recruits, trains, certifies

and supports foster families who are unable to return to their families, according to the organization.

"Our goal has always been to keep a small, homelike atmosphere and the only way we can do that is to make them a part of the community," said White.

"It's always amazing to hear how the girls grow up and come back to us to share their stories and how Girlstown affected them," she added. "We had one woman who is now 50 years old, married and gone away from the area write to us and say the most formative part of her life was at Girlstown. Girls that leave and feel comfortable to come back and share speak well for our program."

For more information or to donate to the auction, contact Girlstown at (734) 697-7242 or White at (734) 697-7305.

Free grief support is offered

The David C. Brown Funeral Home and Family Center will continue to host free grief support for area residents.

According to Mary Martinez, grief management coordinator, the support groups help those who have lost someone dear to them, whether recently or several years ago. The groups offer a safe environment where people can talk things out, express their feelings and work on venting out their grief. The group will also offer coping methods and resources that will help ease and shorten the time of recovery, she said.

The support groups—Stepping Stones—is offered for a variety of people including a widows and women's group, widowers and men's group, bereaved parents, bereaved adult children and grieving elders. The widows and women's group will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the widowers and men's group will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month, the bereaved parent group will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, the bereaved adult child group will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month and the grieving elders will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Exhibit

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develop the village into a passive recreational park. There are a couple of things necessary to bring that to fruition, though, in a time when most municipalities don't have a lot of money to spend for fluff: Funds and cooperation.

In a project like this, funds aren't all that hard to come by, if the project itself attracts enough interest.

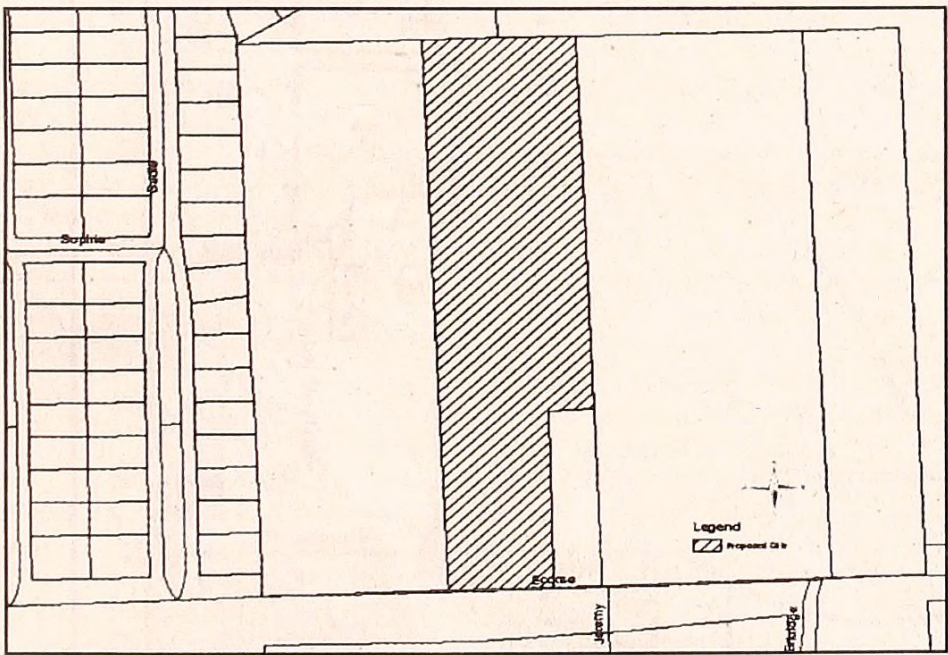
The more people that get involved with it, the better chances there are that donations in some form will flow in. Cooperation, too, is vital, and this apparent lack of an ability on either side to compromise isn't a very good sign for that.

It's too bad, too. History is too important to be set aside for such squabbles.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday April 5, 2006** to consider special use approval on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-007-99-0005-001 approximately 9 acres located on the north side of Ecorse Road between Morton-Taylor Road and Haggerty Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. Special Use Approval is required for a church per Section 7.03 (f) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., April 5, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: March 23, 2006
Publish: March 23, 2006

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN- WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, April 3, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

- At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

JOANNIE D. PAYNE, CLERK
734.699.8909
46425 TYLER RD.
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the May 2, 2006 Election is Saturday, April 29, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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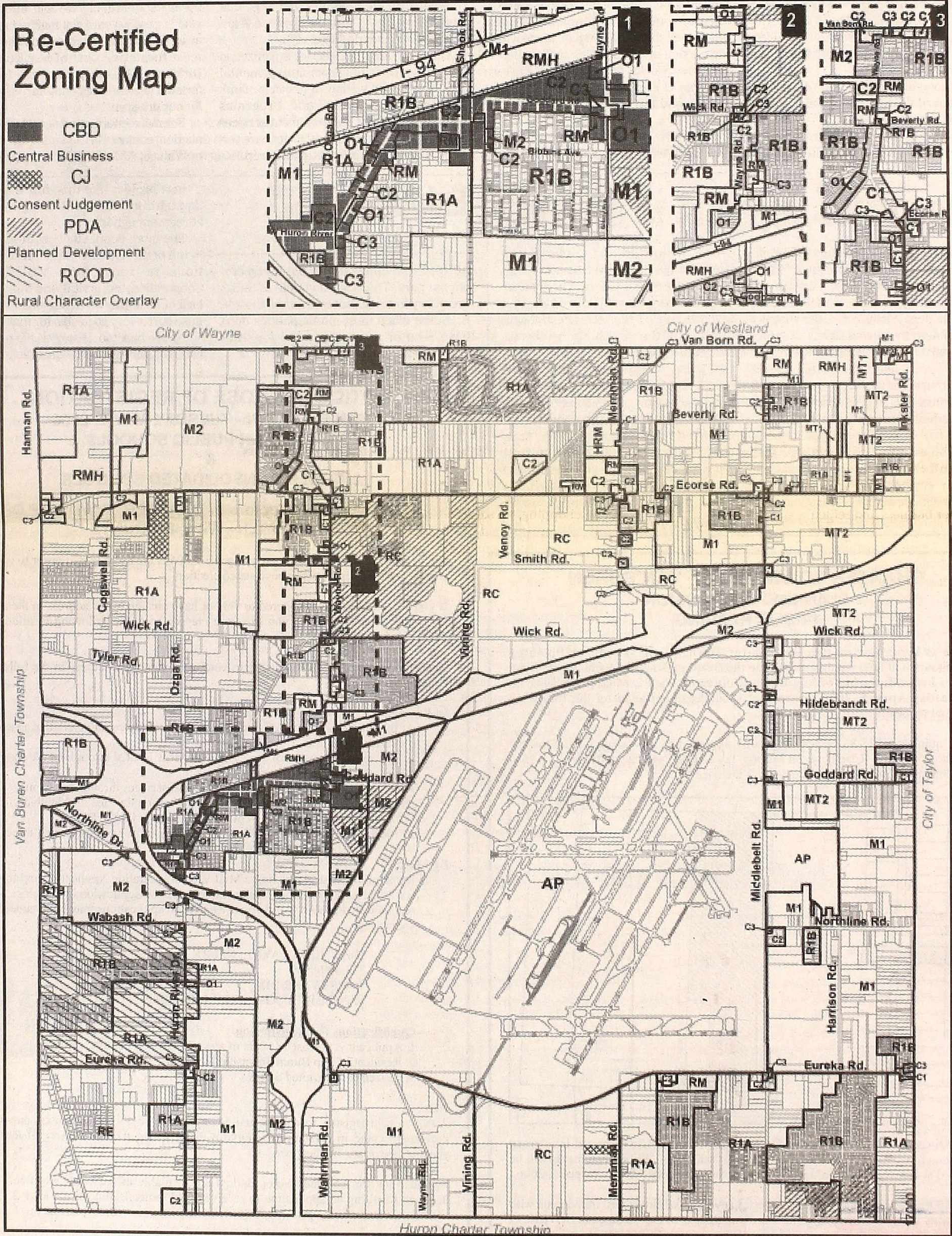
CITY OF ROMULUS

OFFICIAL ZONING MAP RE-CERTIFICATION - RESOLUTION 06-083

Motion by Crova, supported by Barden that the City of Romulus by Resolution hereby adopts a new official zoning map, which shall supersede the existing official zoning map. The new zoning map updates the base map and corrects drafting or other errors or omissions. The new zoning map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk bearing the following words: "This is to certify that this official zoning map was adopted March 6, 2006 as part of Ordinance No. 71-44 of the City of Romulus, Michigan as adopted and amended."

The existing map and any significant parts thereof shall be preserved together with all available records pertaining to its adoption or amendment. These records shall be maintained by the City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously.



I, Linda R. Choate, City Clerk for the City of Romulus do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the re-certified official zoning map of the City of Romulus, adopted at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 6, 2006. Linda R. Choate, City Clerk. City of Romulus, Michigan.

Publish: March 23, 2006

SPORTS

Lady Mustangs soccer ready for season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Speed is the name of the game for the Northville Mustang girls' soccer team this year.

With the team's first regular season game coming up this Friday, head coach Ron Meteyer believes this team to be one of the fastest he's ever coached.

"We have a lot of exceptional athletes," he said. "We have kids that are coming in with a lot of natural ability - things you can't teach them. This is probably more talented than the 2004 state championship team - and deeper."

Meteyers and his coaching staff had to narrow 104 kids that tried out to 25 varsity players—the largest roster he has ever had—20 junior varsity and 10 freshman.

A lot of the speed and ability comes from veteran, returning players such as senior forward Lauren Hill, who recently signed her national letter of intent to play soccer at Michigan State University.

Hill is Northville's all-time leading scorer. She racked up 29 goals last year and has already been named the Gatorade Player of the Year through preseason this year, according to Meteyer.

"She's feisty," he said. "She's a dynamo. You don't score 29 goals by letting someone else do all the work."

Meteyer will also have junior speedster Danielle Toney back on the field this year. She scored 25 goals last season. She missed three games while playing in a national tournament on the U.S. National Team.

Venessa Bailey, a senior, missed most of last year with an injury but worked hard enough in the off season with her club team the Hawks to earn herself a full scholarship to the University of Hawaii.

"I think we have three of the top six forwards in the state," Meteyer said.

Northville will also have some younger players up front. Sophomore Sarah Stern and freshman Karen Mayhall are both likely get playing time on the grass/turf.

At mid-field, Meteyer will have a lot of weapons to throw into the line up like seniors Jessica Meyer and Lindsey Blair, who's headed to Oakland University in the fall; junior Julie Raymond; sophomores Brianna Jenkins and Lydia Blair; and freshmen Christine Collieran, a transfer from California, Camille Junca and Kayla Hogan.

Sophomore center midfielder Theresa Yankovich contributed on five of the team's six goals scored in a scrimmage tournament hosted by the Walled Lake Schools last weekend.

In the backfield, senior Simone Toney

will anchor the defense. She recently signed her national letter of intent to play soccer at Bowling Green University. Senior defender and newcomer from the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio Jennifer Ulmer should see a lot of playing time. This speedster will join Hill at MSU in the fall.

Seniors Kristen Engstrom and Kate Hawthorne are on the squad along with junior returnees Kristen Slack and, when healthy, Amanda Harkness. They will help younger players such as sophomore Lisa Kozub and freshman Kelsey Baskins.

The team is fast but to earn that speed the team had to give up size.

Meteyer hopes that players like Yankovich (5-foot-7) and Collieran (5-foot-9) will help in playing the ball in the air.

Simone Toney, Slack and Hawthorne aren't as tall, but Meteyer said they all play bigger than their size.

Northville is solid from front to back and probably have the best three goalies in the Western Lakes league, according to Meteyer. All three goaltenders are so good Meteyer said that he will play all of them on a rotating basis.

Securing the posts will be veteran Katie Weicksel, who was a sophomore and the only true goalie on the team when Northville won the state championship in 2004. She recently signed to play at Alma College.

Junior Liz Watza and freshman Julie Blaszcak will join the fray every third contest.

The lady Mustangs proved they were a team to be reckoned with when they won two of their three contests in the scrimmage tournament last weekend. They defeated Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School—one of the top teams in the state, 2-0, and Traverse City, 3-0. They tied Dexter, 1-1.

Despite the speed and talent of the team, Meteyer is cautious of setting the goals too high to start.

"This is one of the strongest and deepest teams I've ever had," Meteyer said. "There is not a player on it, including the five freshman, that couldn't be a starter on any other team in the state."

"We have to first talk and concentrate on the division, then the conference," he added. "Those are obtainable. We have to deal with those first, with what we know before even thinking about another state championship."

Northville heads to South Lyon for its first regular season game at 7 p.m. on Friday and then to Grosse Pointe South at 7 p.m. on Monday. The Mustangs' first home game is against Saline at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

This time the Spirit came away with the victory, 2-1.

Brophey scored the Whalers' lone goal on a power play at 10:25 of the second.

Playoff Schedule

Game 1 - Sat. 3/25 - Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm.

Game 2 - Sun. 3/26 - Plymouth at Windsor, 7:00 pm.

Game 3 - Tues. 3/28 - Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm.

Game 4 - Thurs. 3/30 - Plymouth at Windsor, 7:30 pm.

Game 5 (if necessary) - Sat. 4/1 - Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm.

Game 6 (if necessary) - Sun 4/2 - Plymouth at Windsor, 7:00 pm.

Game 7 (if necessary) - Tues. 4/4 - Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm.

Whalers

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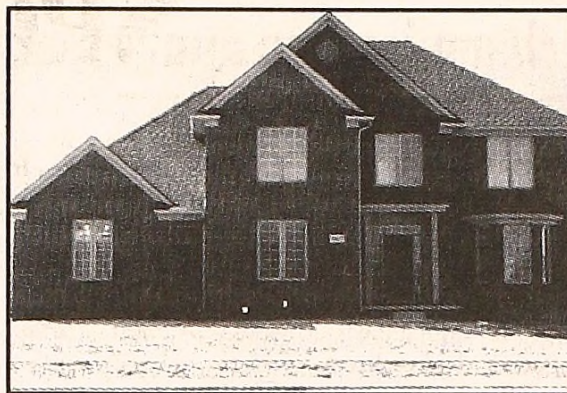
ference there is a possibility the two teams could meet again for the conference championship.

First, Plymouth will have to get by cross-river rivals Windsor in the first round of the playoffs, starting at 7:30 pm on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Playoff tickets can be purchased by phone by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by purchasing tickets at the box office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Plymouth 1, Saginaw 2

It was a different story and outcome for Saginaw and Plymouth when they faced off last Wednesday night in Saginaw.



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SPORTS

Romulus celebrates championship anniversary

The Romulus 1986 state championship basketball team celebrated its 20th year anniversary with a recent reunion at Romulus High School.

Team members and administrators attended the memorable event.

Members of the 1986 team received handsome basketball player figurines and cheerleaders were awarded commemorative medallions during the halftime festivities at the Romulus-Ypsilanti game on March 3.

Al Wilkerson, the head coach of the championship team, and who is retiring as principle of Community High School in June, was happy to have nine of his former players attend the ceremony.

"We had a great time and shared many memories of our historic run," he said. "For those who don't remember, we shot almost 70 percent and beat the number one team in Michigan at that time, Detroit Southwestern."

Former Eagle athletic director Lowell Johnson was also in attendance as was high school All-American Terry Mills who later won a national championship with the University of Michigan and went on to the NBA. Additional team members that attended included Steve Glenn, a current Romulus assistant coach, Javo Keith, Avery Jones, Juan Street, Kano Staple, Troy Tipton and Maurice Butts. Brad and Bryan Wilkerson, who were ballboys, were also on hand.



Players, administrators and cheerleaders all enjoyed the 20th anniversary of the 1986 Romulus High School state championship team with a special reunion program. On hand were: First row (from left) Kristi Morris Gross, Lowell Johnson, Al Wilkerson, Jennifer Hariff, Maurice Butts (second row) Steve Glenn, Javo Keith, Avery Jones, Terry Mills, Juan Street, Kano Staple, Troy Tipton, Brad Wilkerson and Bryan Wilkerson.

Chiefs

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setting the stage for the fantastic fourth quarter.

"I thought our defense did a better job in the third and early fourth, contesting more shots," Paye said. "I thought we did a better job rebounding, too. Their guards got too many offensive rebounds. Obviously Andre is our go-to guy and he stepped up tonight."

"We exceeded our expectations," he added. "Our goal was to win districts. The seniors really stepped it up in district and regional play."

Canton fell behind early again in the first round of regional play but squeaked out a 52-

51 victory against Rochester Adams in overtime on Tuesday night in Troy.

Canton trailed 51-48 toward the end of the over-time period but Bridges nailed a triple and Andy Larsen hit a free throw to put Canton up 52-50.

"It was a close game," Paye said. "I'm not sure if it was a well-played game. We didn't score again in the final three minutes."

Bridges led the attack with 22 and Larsen added 10. Waidmann contributed with seven points and seven rebounds. Steve Paye had 10 rebounds to go with his four points and three assists.

Coach Paye will lose three seniors (Bridges, Larsen and Rob Eppler) to graduation but could return as many as 10 juniors from this year's team along with sophomore Neil Sharma.

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

The date to receive the 2006 lawn maintenance bids for the Romulus Housing Commission is extended to March 27, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the Office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan.

Publish: March 23, 2006

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System in the City (the "System") including water main replacement and related appurtenances and attachments and costs of issuance of the bonds.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations. However, it is the intent of the City to use revenues derived from the operation of the System to make the payments of principal of and interest on the bonds.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a private sale but in no event to exceed seven-percent (7%) per annum on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174-1485, WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk
City of Romulus

Publish: March 23, 2006

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE ALLEY/STREET VACATIONS

Notice is hereby given, that the City Council of the City of Romulus, has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 on Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking testimony on the proposed vacation of the following streets and alleys in the Osberg's Airport Estates Subdivision:

All of Central Avenue from south of Hildebrandt to its southern terminus at Lots 104 and 123.

To vacate the east-west alley, south of Hildebrandt, from Hyde Park to Loraine Avenue.

The north-south alley on the west side of Central Avenue and the north-south alley on the east side of Central, from south of Hildebrandt to Lorman Avenue.

The north-south alley between Hyde Park and Central Avenue from Lorman Avenue to its southern terminus at Lots 103 and 104.

Written comments may be submitted to the attention of Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, no later than 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, March 27, 2006.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-096

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 05/06-25 and 05/06-26, introduced at the Council Meeting held February 27, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No Action Taken.

06-097

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to adopt a resolution authorizing the Department of Public Works to submit an Annual Right-of-Way Permit Application to the State of Michigan that will allow the department to perform emergency work within State Trunk Line Rights-of-Way.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Crova, support by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 6, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City
City of Romulus, Michigan

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No shopping
No chopping
No clean-up

entrée VOUS

New off-site kitchen makes dinner preparation simple

Every good cook has a few kitchen secrets.

But in Northville, nearly 1,000 people have discovered Pati Heath's secret to homemade meals without shopping, chopping or making a mess in the kitchen.

Imagine, delicious dinners with no cleaning the kitchen. No scouring a pot, scrubbing a sticky skillet or soaking a stubborn lasagna pan.

No wonder Entrée Vous, a personal prep kitchen in Northville, is attracting area cooks of all skill levels in droves.

Heath, the owner of Entrée Vous, couldn't be more pleased with the response from local cooks. She scouted various locations searching for just the right spot for her business and settled on the Highland Lakes shopping center on Seven Mile Road in Northville. One excellent reason: it's close to home. Heath has lived in Northville for nearly 12 years and knew this was the place for her dream business.

She offers daily preparation sessions for various dinner entrees Tuesday through Saturday at the kitchen, which she is quick to point out is the only one that has a professional chef on hand to make sure the simmering, sautéing and sauces are perfect.

"When I first was looking at these types of franchise businesses, this was the only one with a chef. I walked in and smelled the garlic cooking and I knew, this was it."

Entrée Vous is the fulfillment of a dream for Heath who aspired to be a home economics

teacher, much to her father's dismay. A compromise left her with a bachelor of science degree teaching English.

After her marriage, she came close to her dream job when she worked as the training supervisor at the Chicago-based Magic Pan creperies. She moved 11 times in 13 years, six times back to Chicago. Not a life she recalls with fondness.

She found another career far

Food costs are about \$3 a serving or about \$18.90 for a dish which serves six or eight people. Seriously, people couldn't cook at home for that,"

from the kitchen selling cars for 10 years, but always knew that her dream job involved food preparation. When her sons reached adulthood, she decided that it was time for her to reach for that dream, and she began to research the various options.

There are about 11 different franchises in the country that offer off-site kitchens, Heath said, a concept that is growing rapidly. She was most impressed with this one which was started by Cordon Bleu trained chef Harriet Dupree Bradley and Kevin Bazner, a former Northville resident who was also the former president of A & W.

"Once again, the reason was the chef. We are the only ones

who have a trained chef, Karen Delpy, who trained at the U.S. Personnel Chef Institute, right here doing a lot of the work. This is a real, operating kitchen," Heath said.

Each month, Entrée Vous offers about 14 different main dishes that can be prepared on site. In March, choices include Chicken Tetrizzini, Pork Chops Stuffed with Cornbread and Tasso Ham, Vegetable Lasagna, Beef Noodles Romanoff or Beef Pinwheels with Spinach and Provolone...to name but a few. Clients phone in their preferred time of preparation, the dishes they want to make, and show up.

"They wash their hands, and we do just about everything else," Heath said. No shopping, no chopping, no sautéing, no simmering. Just put it together with regard to personal family preferences.

Heath stressed that only the highest quality, freshest ingredients are used at Entrée Vous. "We really are particular, we have to be," she said.

All the food is then packaged to take home to bake, with hints on accompaniments included, or prepared for the freezer by the Entrée Vous staff which includes store Manager Jane Rekuc, depending on the portions requested by clients. Heath is also offering already prepared frozen dishes for sale at Entrée Vous, which are proving very popular, too. "These meals are perfect for just about anyone," Heath said.

"The other aspect is parties. We are doing so many of those, like a girls' night out," Heath



Making life easier for cooks throughout the area are, from left, Chef Karen Delpy, Manager Jane Rekul and Pati Heath, owner of Entrée Vous, a new off-site food preparation kitchen in Northville.

said. Women meet at the kitchen, cook, laugh and even enjoy a glass of wine or two which they bring along, Heath said. "It's just like entertaining in your own kitchen."

"Everybody has a good time," she added.

There is no sign to help locate Entrée Vous just yet, as the Highland Lakes shopping center is presently undergoing renovations. The kitchen, at 43223

Seven Mile Road, is between the dry cleaners and the nail salon. The phone number is (248) 344-1545 and they are open from 9 until 9 Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday.

"Food costs are about \$3 a serving or about \$18.90 for a dish which serves six or eight people. Seriously, people couldn't cook at home for that," Heath said. "Plus, we do all the work."

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 6, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS , MICHIGAN 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.

Present: John Barden Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-081

2. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 27, 2006

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Abstain - Barden.

Motion Carried.

06-082

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to approve second reading and final adoption of PC-2006-003, Bear Creek Capital, LLC., introduced at the Council meeting held February 27, 2006 (Zoning Ordinance Amendment #1.209).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-083

3B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve second reading and final adoption of PC-2006-001 Zoning Map Re-Certification, by resolution, adopts a new official zoning map, which shall supersede the existing official zoning map. The new zoning map updates the base and corrects drafting or other errors or omissions. The new zoning map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk bearing the following words: "This is to certify that this official zoning map was adopted March 6, 2006 as part of Ordinance No. 71-44 of the City of Romulus, Michigan as adopted and amended". The existing map and any significant parts thereof shall be preserved together with all available records pertaining to its adoption or amendment. These records shall be maintained by the, City Clerk.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-084

3C1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the Planning Commission grant Special Land Use approval for PC-2005-043 Living Rock Church located at 33200 Ecorse Road, subject to the following:

1. Submittal of revised site plans addressing the items identified by the Planning Consultant in their letter dated January 26, 2006, the Engineer Consultants letter dated January 26, 2006 and the Fire Department memo dated January 26, 2006;
2. The pavilion remain unenclosed and used no more than once a month for church related activities;
3. Bond in the amount of \$300.00 to be submitted for the extension of the side walk over the drain along Ecorse;
4. Compliance with the City's Special Events Ordinance for events which are open to the public and will occur in pavilion or outdoor areas onsite;
5. Future parking and/or expansion to be reviewed and approved by the City prior to development; and
- 6.Compliance with the Planning Commission conditions of site plan review.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-085

3C2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to grant No-Fee building permits to the Living Rock Church, 33200 Ecorse Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-086

3D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the lot depth waiver request for five (5) lots of PC-2005-048/049 based upon the following:

1. Due to the amount of wetlands on site that the strict application of the provisions of this chapter would be impractical;
2. The granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area;
3. The waiver will not violate the Michigan Land Division Act; and
4. The waiver will not nullify the interest and purpose of the City's Subdivision Regulations or the City's Comprehensive Development Plan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-087

3E. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny PC-2005-050; the rezoning of approximately 1.86+- acres of R1-A, Single Family Residential/RCOD, Rural Character Overlay

District and 88+ - acres of M-1, Light Industrial District to MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District consistent with the recommendation of the City Planner memorandum dated January 30, 2006 as follows:

1. The MT-2 is not consistent with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan and is Completely contrary to the intent and purpose behind the Future Land Use designation for the site.
2. There is no demonstration the site cannot be developed under current M-1 Light Industrial Zoning.
3. The applicant has not demonstrated uses in MT-2 cannot be accommodated elsewhere in the City.
4. Uses permitted in the MT-2 district will guarantee extensive clearing and grading of natural resources on the site and is therefore incompatible with the site's environmental conditions.
5. Uses permitted in the MT-2 district would adversely impact adjoining residential areas due to views of truck loading and storage areas, noise, odors, and truck traffic generated. MT-2 is not an appropriate land use transition to be placed adjacent to residential.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-088

4A1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs. Rose Long.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-089

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-27:

<u>FUND/DEPT.</u> <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>AMENDED</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
General Fund Expenditure				
101-1220-712.77-12	Attorney Fees-Contractual Services	20,000	50,000	70,000
 Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,615,638	(25,000)	1,565,638

To allocate funds for additional cost due to continued litigation in regard to EDS

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-090

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to authorize payment of the 2005/2006 annual membership dues with the Downriver Community Conference in the amount of \$4,750.00, Funds are budgeted and available in account #101-2910-729.76-50.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-091

5C. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the Administration and authorize payment of the 2005/2006 annual membership dues with the Downriver Mutual Aid in the amount of \$15,277.51. Funds are budgeted and available in account #101-3410-734.76.20 and account #268-3720-738.76.10.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

06-092

5D. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the Administration and authorize payment of the 2006 Fiscal year Match with the Senior Alliance Inc. in the amount of \$3,676.00. Funds are budgeted and available in account #101-5110-751.74-61.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout; Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-093

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Public Safety Director Charles Kirby to purchase One (1) 2006 Ford, Crown Victoria, police Interceptor under the terms of Bid 05/06-20 from Signature Ford at a total cost of \$22,442.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays -None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-094

5F. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to concur with the Administration and adopt a resolution granting authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Romulus Senior Center Garage Storage Agreement for storage of Romulus Athletic club/Flyers Football League equipment.

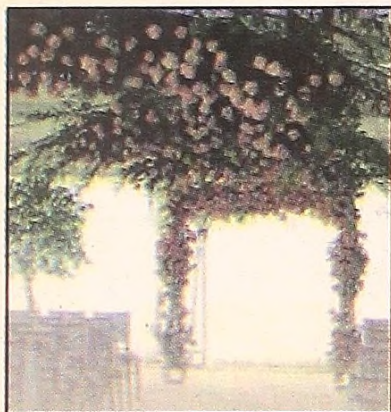
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5G. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Romulus Senior Center Garage Storage Agreement for storage of the Romulus Little League Baseball equipment.

Success by design

Emerald City Design wizards to host open house, be featured on TV bridal show



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Enter David McKnight who founded Emerald City Designs, one of the most popular and sought-after event planning companies in the area, in 1983. McKnight has seen and welcomed the growth of hosts using the services of event planners and coordinators to ensure the success of their events.

"We pride ourselves on creating events with personality and style and exceeding the expectations of our clients," McKnight said.

Apparently he has succeeded. On his website, emeraldcitydesigns.com, brides, hosts, corporate executives and others recount the benefits of his creativity and dedication to making their event more successful and awe inspiring than they ever thought possible.

"We do weddings, surprise parties, corporate rollouts and receptions, bar and bat mitzvahs, we do just about everything," McKnight said.

"We try to offer as many different services as a client needs. We'll do it all, or different tiers of involvement. We just take care of all the details that make an event really special. We're a specialty event group but every event we do, we treat it as if it were our own," McKnight said.

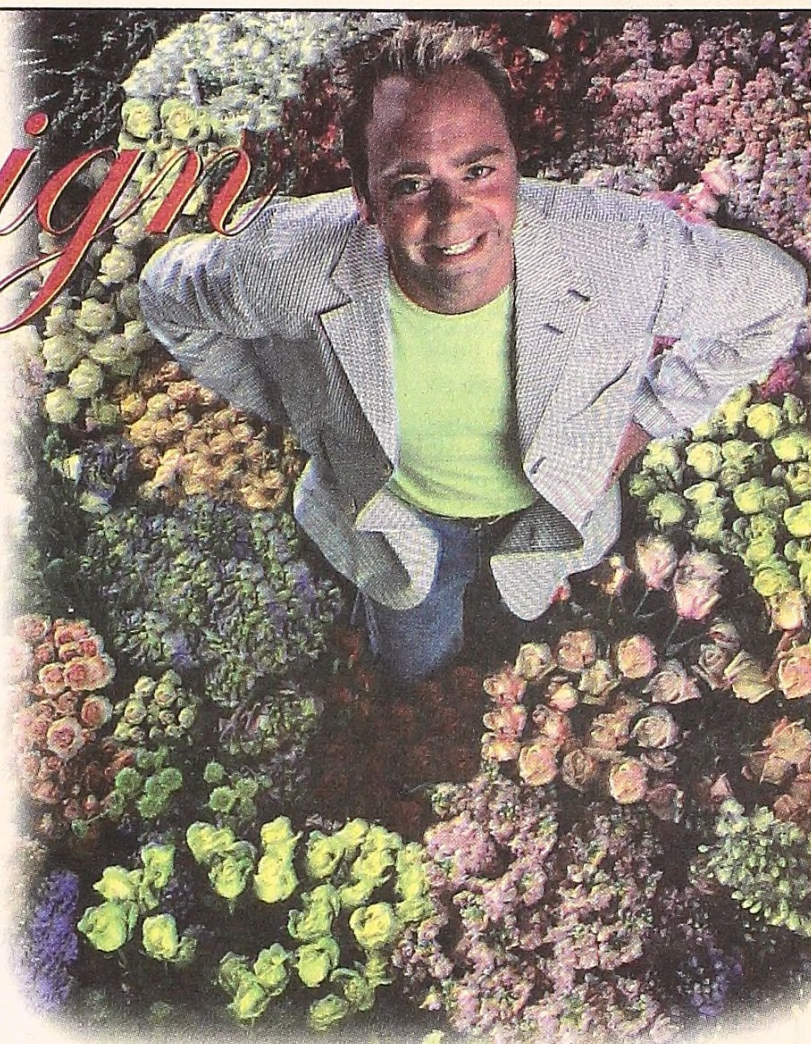
Tomorrow, at 9 p.m. on WXYZ Channel 7, McKnight's work will be seen throughout the Dream Wedding Show.

"You'll see Emerald City Designs work threaded throughout the show," McKnight said. The show follows the bride and groom through every detail of planning the wedding and reception, which is a good lesson for anyone getting ready to head for the altar, McKnight said.

McKnight, a Plymouth resident, is also well known for his participation in numerous community and civic events. He participates in the Festival of Trees with a custom Christmas tree design every year and has won numerous awards there, he helps with the annual Make A Wish ball and was able to help grant a wish last year, something he says was really worthwhile.

"My staff donated all their time and effort to that event. It was one of the most rewarding things I've done, ever," McKnight, who was the grand marshal of the parade and announced the arrival of the "princess" whose wish was being granted, said.

He works with Operation Smile which will be at the Ritz Carlton next month and the Heart



David McKnight, above, owner of Emerald City Designs, is hosting an open house at his Farmington Hills showroom next Wednesday where he will display the latest trends in special event designs.

Ball for the American Heart Association in May. He is also the most favored designer of the Northville Community Foundation Holiday Home Tour. Visitors to the tour have voted his work their favorite for the past two years.

McKnight meets personally with clients to determine their personality and their wishes. From that initial meeting, he proposes design options for their selection.

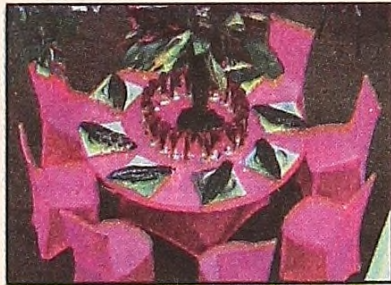
"We're always available and hands-on for them. We create a relationship with them. No detail is too small," he said. "We sit with the clients to get a feeling for their style and personality to get a vision of what to do for them."

McKnight and his full time staff of 12 to 18 are busy this week preparing for an open house at his Farmington Hills showroom

next Wednesday. There is no admission fee, and there will be about a dozen complete new designs. On exhibit will be the latest trends in stylish table settings, floral centerpieces, linens, new personally designed stationery needs like menu cards, candle presentations, charger plates and other elements of table displays.

"We're going to be featuring the newest trends in textured linen and some unique and new floral designs," McKnight said. "This is a great opportunity for brides to bring their mothers, fiancés, friends to see what is new in event design."

The open house is planned from 4 to 7 p.m. next Wednesday at 24006 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills. There is no fee, but reservations are requested and can be made by phoning 248-474-7077.



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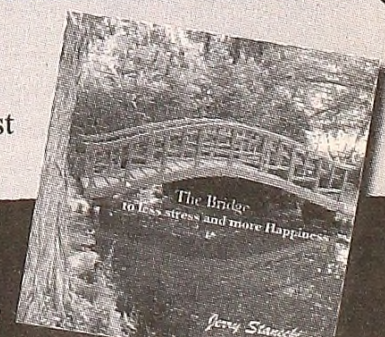
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SPORTS

Canton hoopsters fall to St. Mary's

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

What was hailed as one of the best seasons in Canton basketball history came to a halt last Thursday night.

A slow start had the Chiefs looking behind Orchard Lake St. Mary's for most of the Regional championship game at host Troy Athens High School. An equally slow finish left the Eaglets holding the trophy at the end of the night with a 61-52 victory.

It wasn't due to lack of effort. The Canton squad—only the second in school history to make it to a regional finale—battled back from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to make it a respectable contest.

Eaglet Justin Siller opened the fourth with a basket, giving St. Mary's a 51-36 advantage. That

probably would have sealed the Chiefs' fate if it weren't for senior Andre Bridges, who stepped up and scored 14 of his 36 points in the final quarter. He scored Canton's next six points, making it a 51-42 game. Eaglet Kalin Lucas broke up what would be a 16-2 run with a shot.

Bridges answered, hitting both shots on a one-and-one bonus attempt, followed by a lay-up from Ryan Waidmann. Bridges scored again to bring his team within five, 53-48. After Lucas was called for traveling, the ball went back in the hands of Bridges who was knocked down while he drained a triple. He converted the free throw for a rare four-point play that narrowed the gap to one, 53-52.

However, for the remaining 3:18, Canton would not score again. Lucas scored seven of St.

Mary's last nine points. He finished with 26.

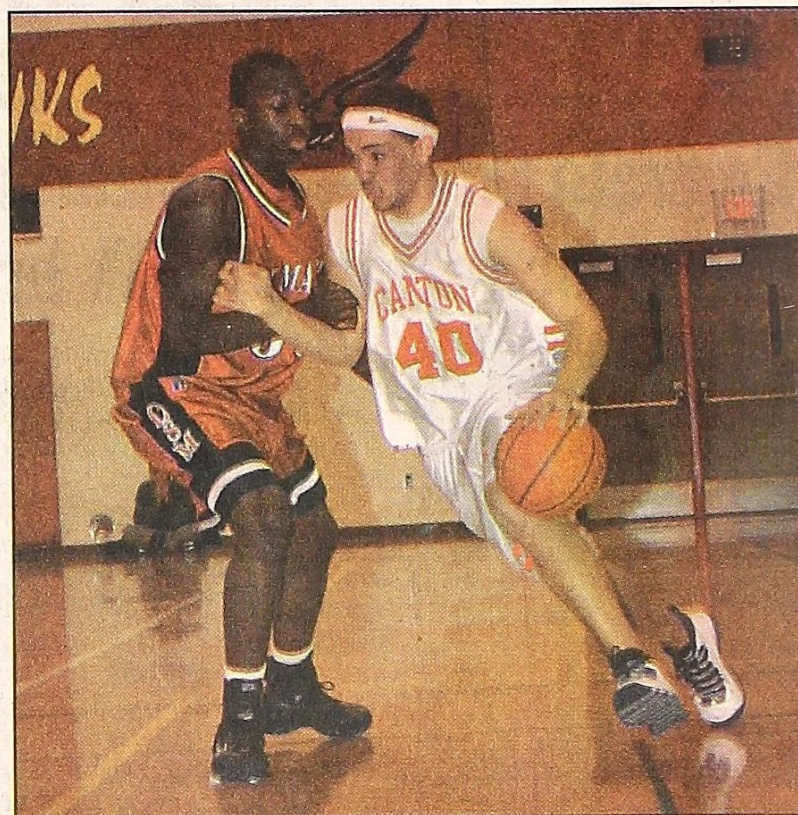
"We had a string of games like that early in the season where we couldn't score in the last three minutes of games," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "We shot great the week before at Novi but, for some reason, we couldn't get it done this time."

Canton started out the game slow, falling behind 14-6, until Bridges knocked down a triple at the end of the first quarter buzzer.

Late in the second, Canton was down, 29-17, but Bridges came up big again, dropping consecutive triples to make it a 31-23 game at the half.

In the third it was Lucas that drained a buzzer-beater, extending his team's lead to 49-36, and

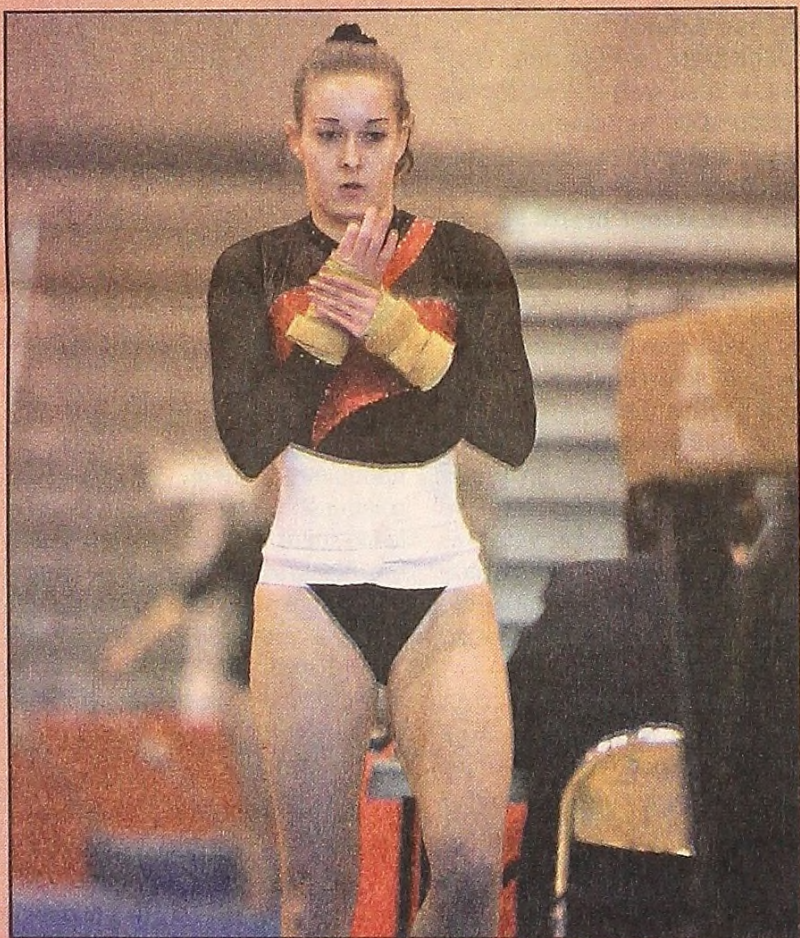
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Canton's senior all conference Andre Bridges (40) tries to get by an Orchard Lake St. Mary's defender last week in the regional championship at Troy Athens High School. He scored 36 points in the 61-52 loss.

Canton vaults into 4th

Canton gymnastics recently tied for fourth place with Holt as a team at the state championship meet with a score of 142.075. Individual gymnasts performed the next day with great results. Alyssa Kelley (right) broke her own Division 1 school record with a 9.75 on the vault. The high mark won her first place in the meet and ties her for second in state history. She also placed sixth in all-around. Kara Ahern medalled on beam and was voted Senior Gymnast of the Year by the coaches and judges. She shared the honor with Hillsdale's Courtney Shaneour. A \$500 scholarship comes with the honor. Photo by Andy Rubenstein



Whalers beat Spirit, win Western division

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers and the Saginaw Spirit have battled for first place throughout the entire season.

It wasn't until the last game of the regular season on Saturday that Plymouth, in seat-gripping fashion, proved they were the better team this season.

The Whalers and Spirit faced off for what would be the biggest game of both of their seasons, so far. The teams were tied going into the game, tied at the end of regulation and tied through most of the overtime period until Evan Brophey tapped in the game winner with 3:29 remaining in the extra period.

The 3-2 victory earned the

Whalers the Ontario Hockey League West Division title.

After a scoreless first period, Plymouth scored consecutive goals to take a 2-0 lead in the second frame.

John Armstrong scored his 14th goal of the season at 1:57 of the period. Right winger Jared Boll and center Chris Terry notched assists on the play. Andrew Fournier, with help from Boll—his second assist of the night—and goalie Justin Peters, scored his 23rd goal of the season at 15:19 of the period to grant Plymouth the two-goal lead after 40 minutes.

However, Saginaw's spirit wasn't broken and they mounted a comeback in the third period. Tim Priamo cut the Plymouth lead to 2-1 on a power play at

6:37. Then, with one second left on the clock, Michal Birner's knotted things up and set the stage for overtime.

Plymouth captain John Vigilante started the final play when he skated hard into the Saginaw zone. He got off a shot that was initially stopped by Spirit goaltender Francois Thuot, but Thuot gave up the rebound that Brophey tapped it in for the Plymouth victory. Defender Ryan McGinnis earned the second assist on the play.

The victory earned Plymouth (35-28-1-4, 75 points) its first division title since 2002-03 and eighth overall since 1995. With the Whalers seeded second and Saginaw seeded fifth in the con-

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Taylor Truman knocks out Belleville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

When thinking of Belleville basketball rivalries, the first thing to come to mind is Romulus.

However, a new nemesis is emerging.

Taylor Truman proved it has the ability to run with the big cats of the Mega Red. The Truman Cougars split games with conference champs, Belleville, during the regular season. Both teams won their district championship, but it was Truman that got the last laugh, defeating Belleville, 84-65, last Tuesday at Truman in the opening round of regional competition.

Truman jumped out of the gates to take a 10-0 lead. Belleville missed every shot they took up to the 3:11 mark of the first quarter, when Carlos Clark made a deuce. Truman outscored them 6-4 the rest of the way. Brandon Bowdry scored eight of Truman's 16 first-quarter points.

Bowdry and Truman continued to score and Belleville remained cold in the second. Bowdry scored 10 more in the second, leading his team to a 36-22 lead over the Tigers at half-time.

Belleville got their offense going in the second half. The Tigers scored 17 in the third period. Their defense held Bowdry in check (four points) during the third, but the Cougars still managed to outscore Belleville by one point. At the end of the third,

Truman carried a 54-39 lead.

Belleville went on a roll in the final eight minutes due in good part to Carlos Clark. He scored 11 points in the first four minutes of the final round. He opened up the frame with a triple. Mike Donaldson scored two to make it a 56-44 game. Then Clark scored the next eight points for the Tigers with a double followed by two triples. Caral Dial hit a basket right after that to bring Belleville to within five, 59-54, with 4:12 remaining.

There's going to be bad offensive nights but you have to get it done with defense and we didn't do that.

**Belleville Coach
Mike Krogel**

Unfortunately for Belleville, that would be the as close as they would come. Truman made 15 of 17 from the line down the stretch to put the game away.

"We burned up our slow starts and comebacks, I guess, for the year; we used them all up," said Belleville Coach Mike Krogel. "We had a number of these during the year where we didn't score a lot at the beginning of the game but battled back. But I'm not going to take anything away from this team. They are a very good team—they came ready to play."

"We couldn't get into any offensive rhythm at the start," he added.

"There's going to be bad offensive nights but you have to get it done with defense and we didn't do that."

Krogel will lose seniors Donaldson, Clark, James Bell and Leon Freeman and Mike Gibson to graduation this year but could have as many as seven juniors returning for next year.

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1. Obituaries



CLARK, Sean Mackenzie, age 8, March 21, 2006. Loving son of Ann and Keith. Dearest brother of Elizabeth Regan. Dear grandson of Elaine Moores and nephew of Jack (Kathy) Moores, Richard (Clare) Moores, Cheryl (Jim) Patrick, Tom (Karen) Moores, Mary (Mike) Spitzley, Pam (Richard) Bradfield, Tom (Cindy) Clark, Marcy Morgan, John (Diane) Clark, Paula (Doug) Hobbs, Susan (Bob) Zimmerman. Sean will also be missed by many cousins and friends. Visitation Thursday, March 23 from 2-4 and 6-9pm. Funeral service to be held Friday March 24 at 11am from McCabe Funeral Home, 851 Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



COUPERTHWAIT, John Jr. of Van Buren Township (formerly of Ypsilanti), age 73, passed away March 22, 2006 from Lewy Body Dementia. His family was by his side. He leaves behind his loving wife, Margie of 52 years, daughters; Ruth Ann and Mary (Jeff) Sisovsky, three grandchildren; Jennifer (Eric) Shuryan, Janell and John and one great-granddaughter; Skyila. John worked for American Airlines for 33 years before retiring in 1987. He was an avid bowler, golfer and hunter. John was a great organizer, bringing people together from all over the country. He was a member of the Ypsilanti Phoenix Lodge #13, Moslem Shriners, Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit, Ypsilanti Loyal Order of the Moose, Legion of the Moose, Fellowship of the Moose and Pilgrim, the American Legion Post #282 and 40/8. He also belonged to the Korean War Veterans Association. Stark Funeral Home is handling the cremation and no service is planned. Memorial donations can be sent to: Hospice of Michigan, 2090 Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, or Turner Geriatric Neurology Center at the University of MI, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com "Remember me as you pass by. As you are now so once was I..As I am now so you shall be..Prepare for death and follow me."

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Wayne, MI 48184
734-326-1114

March 28, 2006
1:00 PM

1997 Ford
1FALP13P3VW147253

1990 Buick/
2GWWB14T5L1447331

1993 Ford
1FAPP6246PH135739

1994 Dodge
1B7GL23XXRS665029

1984 Oldsmobile
1G3AY37Y2EM818498

1994 Dodge
1B3AP64K6RN243215

1994 Pontiac
1G2JB14H1R7515361

1985 Ford
1FMEE11H0FHA84506

1990 Mercury
1MEPM6043LH637302

1991 Chevrolet
1G1BL53E9MW157557

1992 Chrysler
1C3XV66R5ND808048

1981 Honda
JHMSN5220BC029178

1994 Chevrolet
1G1JC1446R7130554

1990 Mercury
1MEPM6046LH638556

1994 Mercury
1MELM62W0RH648120

1998 Chevrolet
1GCEC14W8WZ123549

FORFEITURE VEHICLES:

1995 Mercury
3MELM66LXSM613506

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1G1LV14W5JY615111

1996 Chevrolet
1G1LD55M2TY258044

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1992 Pontiac Bonneville
4 DR Green
1G2HX53L0N1303660

1997 Dodge Neon
2 DR Green
1B3ES42Y7VD202216

The second auction will begin promptly at 10:30am at Ace Towing, 33032 Ford Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicle will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1997 Dodge Intrepid
4 DR Gray
2B3HD46F6VH588842

The third auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1988 Chevy Caprice
4 DR Gray
1G1BN51H6JR191912

1991 VW Golf
2 DR Red
3VWBA21G3MM002337

1993 Nissan Sentra
4 DR Black
JN1EB31P9PU238934

1994 Olds Cutlass
2 DR Black
1G3WT35X0RD386465

1992 Chevy Cavalier
4 DR Silver
1G1JC544XN7117260

1999 Ford Windstar
Van Blue
2FTZA544XXBA59936

1988 Chevy Silverado
StaWgn Blue/Silver
1GNEV18K9JF141366

1985 Olds Cutlass
4 DR Blue
1G3GM69Y6FR425192

1981 Ford Fairmont
4 DR Blue
1FABP23B7BK190261

1989 Honda Prelude
2 DR Silver
JHMB4128KC030649

1990 Dodge Daytona
2 DR Black
1B3XG64J5LG401377

1990 Nissan
PU Trk Black
1N6SD11S0LC339165

1993 Saturn
4 DR White
1G8ZK8570PZ329934

1986 Olds Cutlass
2 DR Blue
1G3GR47Y0GP301845

1986 Ford F-150
PU Trk Black
1FTCF15Y1GLA62340

1994 Mercury Villager
Van White
4M2DV11WXRJ19878

1997 Hyundai Sonata
4 DR Blue
KMHC24F8VU860780

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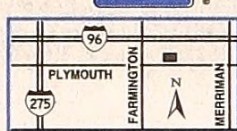
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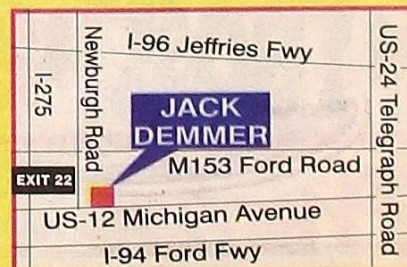
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